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For: Chewy Products and Protein-Based Chewy Products and Methods for Making Same

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the 12 May 2008 Office Action, which Action was made final, in which claims 1, 3-5, and 7-15 are pending and claims 1, 3-5, and 7-15 have been rejected in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the following Amendment and Response and pass the above-identified application to issue. Kindly amend the application as follows.